



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, July 8, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Knox H. White
2. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember Lillian Flemming
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ROLL CALL**
The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, Amy Doyle, Lillian Flemming, Jil Littlejohn, and Russell Stall

Absent: Wil Brasington and George Fletcher
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
June 24, 2019; Approved as submitted
6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
None
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Clarence Thornton, 114 N. Douthit Street, referred to City Council having a tendency to pay and bribe judges who rule in their favor and referred to rulings from certain judges without specifying the case or ruling. Mr. Thornton stated there are issues with the police department and that African American officers do not want to work at the department. Mr. Thornton commented that Justice (Donald) Beatty has stated the office is violating the Sixth Amendment, and Council should take it seriously.

8. **PRESENTATION**
None
9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Proposed Abandonment of a portion of Viola Street (AB-3-2019)

Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper presented a request from Diamond Jubilee, LLC for a proposed abandonment of a portion of Viola Street for the purpose of building a proposed hotel. Mr. Cooper stated all utilities and abutting property owners have been notified and no opposition has been expressed. No one spoke in support or opposition to the proposed abandonment.

Councilmember Flemming requested discussions with the Viola Street neighborhood regarding runoff and stormwater matters. Mr. Cooper advised he was aware of the concerns and would provide an update regarding her request.

- b. Proposed Abandonment of a portion of East Washington Street (AB-4-2019)

Mr. Cooper presented a request from J. Darryl Holland for a proposed abandonment of a portion of East Washington Street for the purpose of parking for a redevelopment at 811 Laurens Road. Mr. Cooper stated all utilities and abutting property owners have been notified and no opposition has been expressed. No one spoke in support or opposition to the proposed abandonment.

10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions

- a. Springwood Cemetery Advisory Committee
Councilmember Doyle recommended Gwen Garrett, Fletcher Kirkland, and Cherron Saad each to fill a two year term ending July 31, 2021. There being no further nominations, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Kirkland, and Ms. Saad were appointed by unanimous consent.
- b. Design Review Board – Neighborhood Panel
Councilmember Flemming recommended Monica Floyd and Jermaine Johnson each to fill a two year term ending July 31, 2021. There being no further nominations, Ms. Floyd and Mr. Johnson were appointed by unanimous consent.
- c. Design Review Board – Urban Panel
Councilmember Stall recommended William Crawford, Carmella Cioffi, and John Edwards each to fill a two year term ending July 31, 2021. There being no further nominations, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Cioffi, and Mr. Edwards were appointed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

Councilmember Littlejohn moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 11g and 11h of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

- a. Ordinance to approve the FY2019 Operating Budget for the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center Board of Directors and to accept the FY 2018 Annual Auditor's Report
- b. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.30 acre of real property located on Mason Street along with approximately 0.15 acre of right-of-way along Mason Street and to provide the zoning designation of RM-1, Single-family and Multifamily Residential District (Tax Map Number 0118001401300) (AX-4-2019)

- c. Ordinance to rezone approximately 24.73 acres of real property located on Fairforest Way and United Way from I-1, Industrial District, to RM-3, Single-family and Multifamily Residential District (Tax Map Number M011010100315) (Z-7-2019)
- d. Ordinance to amend Chapter 40, Taxation, Article IV, Special Tax Assessment for Rehabilitated Historic Property, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville to provide for administrative revisions
- e. Ordinance approving amendments to the City of Greenville's Firefighters' Pension Fund Plan
- f. Ordinance to abandon Cemetery Street and an unnamed alley located between Cemetery Street and East Stone Avenue (AB-1-2019)
- g. Ordinance to abandon Solomon Circle (AB-2-2019)
- h. Ordinance to appropriate \$38,125 in the Hospitality Tax Fund to support the Lake Conestee Nature Park pursuant to the city of Greenville's Agreement with Conestee Foundation, Inc.

12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)

None

13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)

None

REGULAR AGENDA

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

- a. Ordinance to rezone approximately 0.252 acre of real property located on Easley Bridge Road from RM-2, Single-family and Multifamily Residential District, to RDV, Redevelopment District (Tax Map Number 0077000300400) (Z-8-2019)

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve second and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance authorizing a sublease and license agreement between the City of Greenville and Sutera USA, LLC for the purpose of locating trash receptacles in the vicinity of Boggs Street (REVISED)

Councilmember Doyle moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve second and final reading.

Public Works Director Mike Murphy stated final work on the agreement has been completed and he hopes for construction to begin in the next one to two weeks dependent upon weather.

Councilmember Stall asked when the underground containers would be operational, and Mr. Murphy responded two to three weeks. Mr. Murphy stated Solid Waste and the Codes Department have been working together to ensure the area remains trash free. Mr. Murphy also stated this effort will be a showcase to determine if the underground containers can work elsewhere in the City.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to rezone approximately 19.388 acres of real property located on Haywood Road and Pelham Road from R-6, Single-Family Residential District, to PD, Planned Development District (Tax Map Numbers 0278000200300 and 0278000200301) (Z-26-2018) (REVISED)

Councilmember Doyle moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first reading.

Dan Bruce, 2643 Augusta Street, spoke as owner and developer of the project advising there have been major changes to address traffic concerns while maintaining the integrity of the plan's proportions. Mr. Bruce stated the daily traffic generation associated with this site has been lowered by nearly 65% percent in peak hours based on the plan's redesigns. Mr. Bruce added he and others working on the project have listened intently to the Planning staff, the Planning Commission, City Council, and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Councilmember Doyle verified the top four uses of the property will be multifamily, senior facility, dentist office, and restaurant. Mayor White stated he appreciated the plans being modified and noted the neighborhoods attended the Planning Commission meeting in support of the project.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.097 acre of real property located at 13 Ridge Street and to provide the zoning designation of RM-1, Single-family and Multifamily residential district (Tax Map Number 0106000201200) (AX-6-2019)

Councilmember Littlejohn moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance to rezone approximately 2.567 acres of real property located on Solomon Circle and Chick Springs Road from RM-2, Single and Multifamily residential district, to R-6, Single-family residential district (Tax Map Number 0185000200702) (Z-9-2019)

Councilmember Doyle moved, seconded by Councilmember Littlejohn, to approve first reading.

Councilmember Doyle asked for the timeline of the project. Planning and Development Manager Jay Graham referred to the rezoning and building plans and advised the City has not received a timeline for the project.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

d. Ordinance to abandon a portion of Viola Street (AB-3-2019)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Ordinance to abandon a portion of East Washington Street (AB-4-2019)

Councilmember Littlejohn moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

f. Ordinance to appropriate \$55,000 in the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund, Department of Homeland Security, and \$45,000 in the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund, Department of Justice Account, for a total of \$100,000 for the purpose of funding a collaborative software development initiative to enhance existing police information systems

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first reading.

Police Chief Ken Miller stated the new systems will assist his department and the Greenville County IT Department as well as provide data validation, cleaner data, and faster data to the analytic software.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

16. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolution – First and Final Reading)

a. Resolution to certify property at Woodside Avenue and East Main Street as an Abandoned Textile Mill Site (Tax Map Number 0122000300100)

Councilmember Littlejohn moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution to certify 711 W. Washington Street as an abandoned building site (Tax Map Number 0052000200100)

Councilmember Littlejohn moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution to accept a dedication from Hollingsworth Funds, Inc. of 11,680 square feet (0.27 acre) of real property for the Salters Road Realignment Project

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Littlejohn, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Resolution to express City Council's support for enhancing the sworn pay plan of the Greenville Police Department to ensure greater parity and equity among competing organizations, to ensure the City remains an employer of first choice for recruiting purposes, and to ensure the retention of a highly qualified and experienced police workforce

Councilmember Doyle moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to approve first and final reading.

Interim City Manager Nancy Whitworth referred to a completed compensation study and the City's interest in staying competitive in the market. Ms. Whitworth also referred to the allocation of funds in the current budget for salary adjustments and advised the adjustment would be available beginning January 1, 2020.

Councilmember Doyle stated the five salary categories addressed in the study included police, fire, the professional, hourly, and leadership team, and added the employees who contribute so much to the City should be rewarded. Councilmember Flemming stated studies should be done sooner than every three years because of the changing market.

Chief Miller stated he appreciates Council's support and noted the expense in training new employees and losing experienced employees.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

17. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON JULY 5, 2019.